

# FACT SHEET



## Community Advisory Group

Clinton Coal Gas Site  
Clinton, Iowa

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) values your input and wants to help you make informed decisions about the Clinton Coal Gas site in Clinton, Iowa. With this in mind, EPA believes it may be useful for the Clinton community to establish a Community Advisory Group (CAG).

### **What is a CAG?**

A CAG is a setting for community members to get up-to-date information about site activities. The CAG will also discuss community views and concerns about the cleanup process with EPA and other parties involved in the Superfund site cleanup. The CAG is a public forum in which affected and interested parties in a community can have a voice and actively participate in the Superfund process.

The Superfund program covers the cleanup of contaminated sites. Community involvement is an important element of the Superfund process, and EPA encourages it.

### **What is the Clinton Coal Gas Site?**

The 7.9 acre site includes a former manufactured gas plant (FMGP) and steel works. The FMGP operated from the late 1800s to 1952. Interstate Power Company offices currently occupy the western portion of the site. The former Clinton Bridge Works/Allied Structural Steel buildings, formerly used for manufacturing beams for bridge construction, are on the eastern portion of the site.

The EPA has conducted soil and groundwater sampling on the site. The contaminants of concern are volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including benzene and toluene; metals, including lead and chromium; and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

Riverview Partners completed the lead contaminated soil activities on the site in September 1997. Demolition of the building remains to be completed as part of that cleanup action.

**What does a CAG member do?**

CAGs are made up of members of the community. CAG membership is voluntary and members should be willing to serve for two years. CAG members will meet regularly to review and comment on technical documents and studies related to the cleanup activities at the Clinton Coal Gas site. The CAG will help EPA and the community exchange information about site activities and community concerns. CAG members will meet with individuals and groups in the community to obtain their views and hear their concerns related to site cleanup. All CAG meetings will be open to the public. CAG members will be chosen from among nominations submitted by individuals and groups in the community.

**Where can I find more information about the CAG?**

If you have questions or would like additional information about the CAG program, please contact:

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